

B—Danny Martin E—Wesley Hanson
(Photo by Jack Baldwin)

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41-Year Old Motto Takes On New Meaning

Although they do not look a day older than 12-15 years, the Boy Scouts are 41 years old this week.

So says A. E. "Tommy" Thompson, Torrance Area Chairman of the Harbor District. In keeping with the observance of National Boy Scout week, February 6-12, Mayor Bob L. Haggard has proclaimed the period to be "Boy Scout Week."

"I urge our citizens to recognize the patriotic volunteer service being rendered to our community by the volunteer Scout Leaders, and to help, in all possible ways, to further this wholesome youth program," Mayor Haggard said.

Later this month the 20 Troops in the Greater Torrance Area are planning to put on a Scouting demonstration in El Prado park. According to Don Hitchcock, in charge of publicity for the Boy Scouts in this area, the various troops will stage demonstrations in first aid, signaling, knot tying, fire making, camping, and similar Scout activities.

Chairman Thompson had this to say about the 41st anniversary of the founding of the Scout movement:

"Certainly in this time of uncertainty, when all the government agencies are crying for immediate attention to civilian defense, it is a satisfying thought to know that so many of our youth are living up to the scouting motto, 'Be Prepared.'"

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Says Attendance Officer

PARENTS: THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR NO EXCUSE

Those famous words that start like this: "Johnny had a cold today and couldn't go to school . . ." mean dollars in your pocket, parents, and here's why.

Last year Torrance taxpayers paid \$20,000 because some parents did not send in those letters. According to state law absences due to illness are excused and paid for out of state-wide funds. When the child is absent and no excuse is given, therefore, the state does not reimburse the school system and money must be taken out of the local taxpayer's dollar.

As Torrance's son of attendances and absences, Warren W. Hamilton, director of child welfare and attendance, Torrance Unified School District urges: "Parents, write a letter—even a very simple one telling why Johnny is absent. Send it to the school and just give the reason. The word 'headache' will be sufficient, or the word 'stomach ache' or 'bad cold' or 'sore throat.'"

"Your writing the simple note to Johnny's teacher or principal will put dollars in your pocket and will help save the future of your child. Schools will know when and where he is, and that will be double protection for him and for you."

Tartar Teen Talk

By MARIAN McDONALD

The Torrance Tartars are talking about many things this week. One of the big topics of discussion is the Senior class election. The class of '51' has chosen Jerry Downing to lead them through the Spring semester. He is assisted by a very fine cabinet of Jim Nady, vice president; Pat Eads, secretary; and Irene Moreno, treasurer.

It seems as if the Student Council had a very fine time in the snow last weekend. About 18 members of the old and new cabinets made the trip. This trip was intended to acquaint the new council members with their duties and talk over some ideas for activities for the coming semester. What a nice way to do business.

Last Wednesday night the G.A.A. banquet was held in the Civic Auditorium. Erma Carstens, the outgoing president, was the Mistress of ceremonies. Guests of honor were Mrs. Garver, the girls vice-principal; Miss Doris Avis and Mrs. Betty Schaefer, faculty sponsors; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hull, and Mr. C. E. Wallace, vice-principal. A very wonderful enchilada dinner was served. The G.A.A. wishes to thank the local A & P store for donating all of the produce.

Awards were given out, and the past presidents pin was presented to Erma Carstens. Then, finally, came the honor plaque. This plaque is kept in the gym office and every semester a girl who has been outstanding in G.A.A., but who has held no offices on the cabinet of the organization, is elected to have her name engraved on the plaque. A sterling silver bracelet is then presented to the lucky girl. This semester, the winner of the honor was Stella Fernandez. Congratulations Stella.

Then came the big point of the evening, the time when the names of the new officers were announced. The new president is Sandy Scott, vice president, Annette Castenon; secretary, Barbara Jackson; recording secretary, Betsy Shaw; treasurer, Marian McDonald; publicity, Pat Garrison; historian, Amy O'Kazaki; yell leaders, Jo Ann McVicar and Betty Klem; sports managers, Charlene Grace, Marca Wright, Janet Williamson, and Joan Stephens.

The Scholarship cabinet held a informal meeting at the home of Miss Mabel Kloster a short while ago. The new members learned their duties, and plans were discussed for projects and activities for the semester. This club really promises to have a fine semester under the leadership of Barbara Jackson, the president of the society. You are eligible to join if you have 10 grade points. These points are given on the basis of 3 points for an "A" and 1 point for a "B". No credit is given for the gym grade.

The new T.N.T. staff is headed by Jo Ann Bernard, the new editor; Ann Stephens is assistant editor; Gary Carter, news editor; Pat Merola, feature editor; Marian McDonald, social editor; Jim Leech and Jack King, sports editors; Sharlie Moore and Ted White, advertising managers; Helen Powell, exchange editor; Charles Lusk, circulation manager; and Joan Leech and Lenny Reid, reporters.



Sisters of Brother Who Died of Polio Help The March of Dimes

MRS. LEILA GRACE, a doctor's wife, puts her ilme on the tape with the help of youthful campaigners Marilyn and Joan Revell

Hit By Polio:

Girl Scouts Get Help From Local Family

When members of the Girl Scouts undertook to help the March of Dimes last Saturday they received some unexpected help from the Revell family.

The Scouts collected \$233.81 during a four-hour campaign in the central business section of the city.

Several locations in Central Torrance, all "manned" by Girl Scouts of Troop No. 210 under the leadership of Mrs. Keith Jones, helped swell the total amount collected to more than \$200.

In front of one of the banks stood 12-year-old Marilyn Revell dressed in a costume resembling Uncle Sam. Nearby in a wheelchair sat her nine-year-old sister, Joan Revell. The younger Revell didn't have polio, never did in fact. Nor did her sister Marilyn. But that didn't stop them from asking each passer-by:

"Would you care to contribute to the March of Dimes?" They had real appeal in their question. Four years ago their brother died six days after contracting bulbar polio—the worst kind of infantile paralysis.

Near the bank in a parked auto watching her daughters sat Mrs. Revell. She was baby-sitting with young John whom she was giving birth to in a hospital four years ago when her oldest boy, Gary, 11 years, was in another in an iron lung.

Working too was Mr. G. L. Revell, owner of the Cal-Metal Corporation on Maple street. Mr. Revell was also in a hospital when Gary was stricken. He left his hospital bed to rush to his son's bedside in Bakersfield but arrived too late.

"You know," Mr. Revell said, "three times the Infantile Paralysis Foundation called me after Gary died to ask what assistance, if any, we needed. It so happened I was able to handle the arrangements myself, but I haven't quite forgotten the way the foundation was right there with its offer to help."

FRontier Phone Subscribers Face Rate Jump

The Associated Telephone Company serving the residents of southwest Torrance through the Frontier exchange has asked the Public Utilities Commission to authorize a \$5,757,600 rate increase. The request increases an earlier request by more than \$2,500,000.

The company filed the amendment today to change the \$3,241,600 asked August 30, 1950 to the higher figure.

The company said the last increase granted—\$2,200,000 in May, 1950—produced a yearly return of only 4.41 per cent. It said that return of 1949 were the two lowest in company history.

In its amended application, the company gave higher federal income tax rates, expansion problems and increased costs as the reason for the request.

The company owns and operates systems in these Southern California Counties: Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Orange, Tulare and Fresno.

GP Sponsors Army Unit In Training

Continuing an intensive training program at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, is the 432d Engineer Petroleum Distribution company, activated under the sponsorship of General Petroleum here in 1948.

Called to active duty last September under the command of Captain J. H. Burnett, of the Torrance refinery, the unit is currently being reinforced with additional personnel.

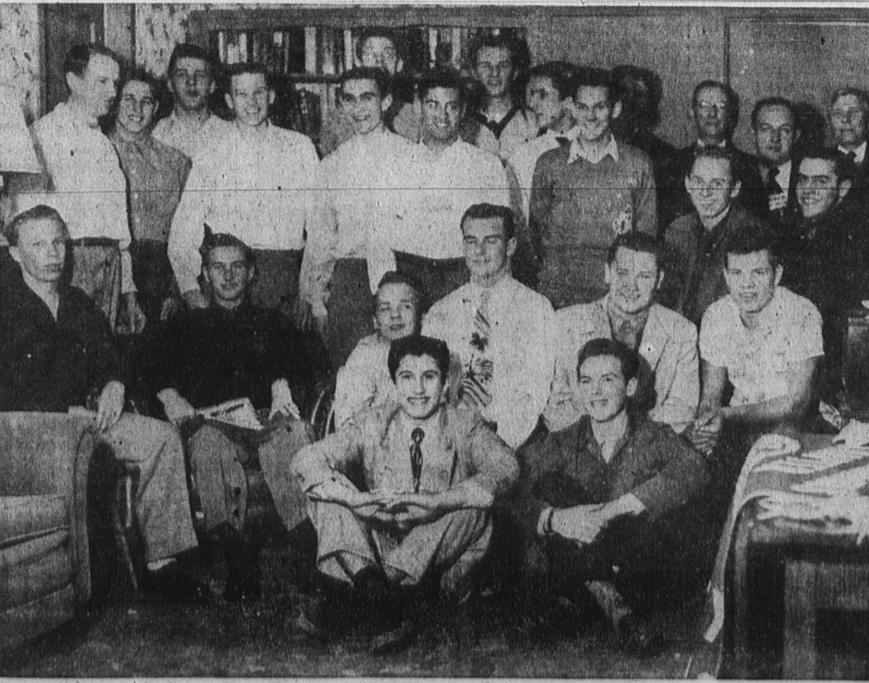
The company is set up to operate pipe lines for petroleum distribution in theaters of operation in support of mechanized forces.

Also serving with the unit from the Torrance refinery are Sgt. C. M. Fannin and Cpl. J. E. Clark.

All We Need Is a Few More Pockets

Not to mention income tax and auto licenses, Torrance residents had a wide choice of campaigns to support this week.

Among the campaigns underway this week were these: YMCA Membership Drive The March of Dimes YWCA Building Fund YWCA Membership Campaign American Heart Association Girl Scout Cookie Sales Red Cross Fund Campaign



KEY CLUBBERS FROLIC . . . Stacking themselves up along one end of Vice-Principal Charles Wallace's den are members of the Torrance High School Key Club and the sponsoring Torrance Kiwanis Club. Pictured are (left to right from front) Aramis Dandoy, Gary Groves, Duane Mit-tan, Dick Ferguson, Bill Bourne, G. G. Johnson, Harvey Rushfelt, Charles Wallace, Glynn Boyce, Irwin Kasten, Jack O'Call, Jim Nady, Bill Baron, Bill Kudemeyer, Jim Taylor, Tom Pryor, Jerry Browning, Bill Crawford, Dean Sears, Dick Armend, Parke Montague, Bill Gray and Bob Haggard.

TURN ON YOUR PORCHLIGHT—

FIGHT POLIO TONIGHT!